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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF FABRICATING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2005, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-19, for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicants wish to advise the examiner that claims 1-9 were cancelled in a Preliminary Amendment filed October 2, 2003, therefore, Group 1 consists of claims 10-19.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of any non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

By

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